

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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July 8, 2003

FROM: MICHAEL A. RAMOS
District Attorney

SUBJECT: APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING TO FUND THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SPECIAL EMPHASIS VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve grant application to the California Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) for continued grant funding of the Special Emphasis Victim Assistance Program for FY 2003-04 in the amount of \$110,000.
2. Adopt resolution authorizing the District Attorney to sign and submit the application on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In accordance with Penal Code Section 13835 et seq. San Bernardino County established a Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP). The VWAP is funded with grant monies from the OCJP. OCJP also administers the Special Emphasis Victim Assistance program grant. The Special Emphasis Victim Assistance program provides funds to OCJP funded Victim Witness Assistance Centers to provide direct services and outreach to special emphasis crime victims, defined as individuals who have been victimized by a specific violent crime and are presently underserved.

The District Attorney's Office has received this grant for the last three years. The grant funds the salaries and benefits of a Victim Witness Advocate II, a Victim Witness Advocate I and a portion of the salaries and benefits of a Supervising Victim Witness Advocate, a Clerk III and a Clerk II, as well as other expenses. Grant staff concentrates efforts on under-served ethnic minority individuals victimized by violent crime. A bi-lingual Advocate is located in the Ontario and Colton Police Departments who respond to crime scenes where language barriers exist.

Funding for FY 2002-03 was \$110,000. This action seeks authorization to apply for continued funding for FY 2003-04 in the amount of \$110,000.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Scott M. Runyan, Deputy County Counsel) on June 26, 2003 and the County Administrative Office (Mario Lara, Administrative Analyst) on June 26, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The grant will provide funding in the amount of \$110,000. A cash or in-kind match of \$27,500 is required. Appropriation and revenue and match related to the program are included in the proposed FY 2003-04 adopted budget.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): ALL

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